Subject: Chat with Kermelos Alebachew
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me: Hello.
me: Do you remember me? Project PM?
Kermelos: hi
Kermelos: yes i do
me: We've been working on Tunisia and Egypt
me: among other things
me: get back to me when you have a chance if you'd like to discuss
me: Although
Kermelos: im free now
me: Well, I should tell you a few things first
me: I have split Project PM into two organizations
me: One will be led by Campbell Vertesi and will continue the various projects we've begun.
me: The other will continue with me and will be involved in revolutionary activities in conjunction with people from Anonymous
Kermelos: ok i see.
Kermelos: when u say revolutionary activities what all does that entail?
me: It means various non-violent activities that violate the laws of various dictatorships
me: such as those in Egypt, where we took down government websites
me: as well as in the U.S.
me: see HBGary Federal
me: check the news
me: LArgely we're putting together dark nets and providing technical expertise to activists across the Middle East
me: and elsewhere
me: soon, a certain Africa nation
Kermelos: can u disclose what that nation is?
me: Keep it quiet for now
me: Eritrea
Kermelos: WHAT????
me: You are familiar with Eritrea, I see?
me: We have contacts
Kermelos: absolutly
me: Although we don't need them
me: But they help
me: I've met with a fellow
me: U.S. citizen now
me: was jailed by Eritrea for informing NGOs on human rights abuses

me: Anonymous has become rather powerful
me: and I am close to everyone involved
me: Some have already been informed
me: This operation will take time
me: And in the meantime we have work to do in Libya and of course we will not forget Tunisia
me: As you know, Eritrea is a difficult situation
me: People will die because of what we are going to do.
Kermelos: people have died for less.
me: That's why I've brought in some new advisers
me: Of course.
me: Suffice to say we are capable of all kinds of things now.
Kermelos: so what is it you expect for people like me
Kermelos: *from
me: Well
me: A lot of our work
me: is not covert
me: It can be done by respectable people like you.
me: It involves making new contacts among populations that need expertise and assistance with internet organizing
me: If you can, you should download an IRC client like IceChat
me: and go to irc.freenode.net #projectpm
me: talk to some of our people
me: they'll show you things
Kermelos: how do you discern with whom you are sharing this information?
me: It's a very unusual process
me: In terms of Eritrea and such things, we share with those we trust
me: I've looked into you and consider you to be on our side of things.
me: I haven't made any mistakes in that regard, ever.
Kermelos: why do you feel you have the right to meddle in eritrea or any of these countries?
me: I don't have the right.
Kermelos: ok.
me: Do you know much about me?
Kermelos: vaguely
me: I suggest searching the recent news for my name
me: That will make this process a bit easier
me: At any rate, I was asked for help.
me: We don't choose which countries to involve ourselves in.
me: They choose us.
Kermelos: i see.
me: Obviously, the whole country does not decide unanimously to choose us
me: But then a whole country can go to war, make laws, execute and torture people, without anything close to unanimity.

me: I consider governments to have no more rights than I do.
me: And it is the governments with which we are in conflict.
me: We don't hurt people.
me: We don't kill them.
Kermelos: right i get that
Kermelos: im just trying to figure out if you are an armchair revolutionary
me: Literally, yes.
Kermelos: so many of those floating around on the web
me: Would you like to speak to some Tunisians?
me: Or some Egyptians?
Kermelos: yes. sure
me: Okay.
me: download an IRC client and get on irc.anonops.ru #opegypt
me: I can arrange for you to speak to a few via e-mail as well
me: If you'd like to speak to protest organizers via phone, e-mail this person
Kermelos: i dig the energy behind what you guys are doing, i just have a few questions/ concerns is all. i'll figure it out as i go.
me: <siri.vita@yahoo.com>
Kermelos: thx
me: I understand your concerns.
me: Some of what has been done recently is unprecedented and difficult to believe.
me: But it was inevitable insomuch as that the tools are now available by which to do these things.
me: see my last op-ed for The Guardian
me: also, see my article from a year ago in The Huffington Post, Anonymous and the Nation State
me: or something like that
me: had varying titles at different venues
Kermelos: im reading them now
me: Take your time. I'll be here in my armchair.
Kermelos: lool
Kermelos: i dont want to inundate you with all my questions
Kermelos: but-- guess my point is im not tech savy nor have the time to be as invested in cyber activism...im not sure of what use i could be for Anonymous.
Kermelos: though i do find what you guys are doing really fascinating. for sure this is an uncharted territory and it's incredible watching the govts, laws and public opinion mold and play catch up
me: Yes.
me: At any rate, the other Project PM, the "legal" faction, is safe.
me: Does everything openly
me: I am no longer associated with it
Kermelos: i see.

me: you should e-mail Clark Robinson.
me: robinsonchicago@gmail.com
me: He knows who you are
Kermelos: does he?
me: And he'll provide you with some documents that will explain the specifics
me: Yes, he knows everyone who applied to work with Project PM
me: I mean, he knows your name
Kermelos: right
me: He's a retired lawyer for the Social Security administration in U.S.
me: One of my most trusted people and someone who's helped me build Project PM
Kermelos: if you dont mind me asking, was there a divisive reason as to why you are no longer associate with PM? or you just couldnt resist the allure of being a part of this "transnational revolution"?
me: Oh, I split it into two the other day
me: Because several people are nervous about associating with Anon at this time
me: And in order to protect them as well as the scientists, etc
me: This is the best option.
me: Only one actually quit
Kermelos: quit what?
me: a finance guy who can't be associated with anything of this nature
me: he was head of finances and worked on several of our project
me: guy in NYC
me: we're still friends
me: he just has good reasons for not continuing
me: although I think he'll rejoin the legal faction
Kermelos: i see.
me: I think that if you talk to some of our people
me: Like Mano Singham of Case Western University
me: or Barry Eisler, ex-CIA
me: you'll learn that I am a very ethical person
me: and that our organization is the best way of using one's efforts to create positive change
Kermelos: i don't doubt your convictions.
me: I didn't mean to emphasize my convictions, really
me: I want you to talk to these others so that they call tell you things that it would not be proper to tell you about myself
Kermelos: lol
Kermelos: ok i see.
Kermelos: ill contact them for the sake of knowledge...curiosity. perhaps once i have a clearer picture i can be more involved.
me: Of course.
me: I appreciate you taking the time to consider it, Kermelos.
Kermelos: its all good, thanks for graciously sharing all this info.

me: Always happy to try to recruit.
Kermelos: yea you got your sales repertoire down pat